

New Orleans 2. June 1854

My dear Sir

In the absence of W.D. Miller, J.H. Duval, and the pressing avocation of our friend Shaw, may I ask the favor of you to send me a draft for the amount of this claim, which I believe the accompanying documents will show is lawfully mine, and I believe sufficiently authenticated to justify its payment, the name of James P. Shaw Compt. was inserted to facilitate its payment, ~~and~~ should it miscarry, could not be paid without his signature, I have only run a pencil across it, and inserted yours in pen which I hope will not injure it in any way, as the name of Shaw can be erased and yours inserted without any prejudice to the claim, I hope you will not send it back but inform me of any objection, that I may remedy them, forwarding you any other documents that may insure its payment. (Clerkary charges or Commission) \$1431⁵⁰

The Gilliland claim of \$28 is also mine and I suppose the papers required to enable him to convey it, are in the office, as they are somewhere in Texas. Will you be kind enough to inform me if any particular form of transfer is prescribed.

Your immediate attention to this business will greatly oblige your friend & Servt

James A. Raymond Esq
Austin

Edward Hall
5 Marchrd Exchange

Please erase, yourself, the name of James P. Shaw, or get him to do it, and insert your own, as the object of putting the name of a person in Austin was to insure its payment, & provide for its miscarriage, suffice it to say, tis mine, & I have a right to do what I please with it, —

Edward Hall

Gen. Thompson says erase the name of Shaw and insert Mr Raymonds or any other name that will bring up the money, tis therefore done. E Hall